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          On 8/31/59, RICHARD B. JAFFE, PSI under development,
who is a close associate of ROLANDO MASFERRER, a leading
anti-CASTRO exile residing in Miami, reported that NORMAN
ROTHMAN, manager of the Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach,
disclosed that he was in the process of obtaining a U. S.
passport for the purpose of traveling abroad. ROTHMAN did
not disclose his destination, date of departure or itinerary
but indicated that he would take this trip soon for some
purpose which he also did not disclose.

          It is to be noted that ROTHMAN has recently been
making overtures to MASFERRER and has offered to procure the
assassination of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN in return for the

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sum of $100,000.00 which is expected to be put up by Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic. It is to be noted that WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN is an American soldier of fortune who fought against BATISTA in Cuba during the recent Cuban revolution. Between 8/8 and 8/14/59, MORGAN was the leading figure in a "double-cross" of anti-CASTRO Cubans and Dominicans who had reportedly paid MORGAN a very large sum of money for his cooperation in establishing an armed front against CASTRO in Cuba. MORGAN is in Cuba.

Also ROTHMAN, according to PSI JAFFE, has offered to put MASFERRER and JAFFE in touch with his "organization" for the purpose of providing financial assistance to MASFERRER in overthrowing the CASTRO government in return for substantial business subsidies and franchises should MASFERRER succeed. ROTHMAN indicated that his "organization" controls millions of dollars and has established business firms. It appears that ROTHMAN undoubtedly had reference to the MANNARINO gang.

PSI JAFFE has been instructed to attempt to obtain all additional information possible concerning the above developments pertaining to ROTHMAN.

On 9/2/59, Miss DOROTHY SCHWEINHAUT, Passport Office, State Department, Miami, Fla., made available for examination a passport application dated 8/21/59, filed by NORMAN ROTHMAN, Biltmore Terrace Hotel, Miami Beach. He was issued passport number 1515395 on 8/25/59.

His application reflected that he intended to depart from Miami on 9/1/59, by air for South America for six weeks. This application did not disclose his exact

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